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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, January 25, 1888.

## NOTICE.

### THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

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7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, September 1, 1887.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

### NOTICE.

MR. M. GROTE has this Day been Admitted a Partner in our Firm.

CHATER & VERNON.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1888.

### NOTICE.

I HAVE this Day admitted to PARTNERSHIP MR. G. D. SCOTT. The Firm will henceforth be known as LIGHTWOOD & SCOTT, SHARP AND GENERAL BROKERS.

H. H. LIGHTWOOD.  
1st March, 1888.

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that all VESSELS DISCHARGING CARGO at the KOWLOON WHARVES will have FREE STORAGE for 14 days from arrival, after which a Rent of 3 CENTS per bale per month will be charged.

ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.  
Hongkong, November 7, 1887.

## Intimations.

### CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

INTEREST due and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be Payable at the Offices of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after the 1st day of March, 1887. LISTS OF DRAWN BONDS can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
Agents Issuing the Loan,  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, February 25, 1888.

### ANDREW JOHNSTON, Consulting Engineer, BANK BUILDINGS, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1888.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4% or \$5 per Share, for the Six Months ended 31st December, 1887, declared at To-day's Ordinary Meeting will be Payable at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, and SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply for WARRANTS at the Company's OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
D. GILLIES, Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 27, 1888.

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.  
Hongkong, August 25, 1885.

### NOTICE.

PERSONS having CLAIMS against the Undersigned are requested to send them in before the 10th Proximo.

H. G. THOMSETT.  
Hongkong, February 27, 1888.

### THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE First Ordinary Annual MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of March next, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Directors, and a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd Instant to 8th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
ISAAC HUGHES, Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 18, 1888.

### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following telegram from the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT is published for general information.

By Command,  
FREDERICK STEWART, Colonial Secretary.  
Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 1st March, 1888.

GOVERNOR, Hongkong.  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT have declared all Ports in China or Chinese Dependencies infected. Quarantine on vessels for Twenty-one Days after arrival will be required at Darwin except as regards persons not being Chinese arriving by vessels having no disease on board, who will be granted immediate pratique if not from Hongkong. Poll-tax ten pounds per head will be imposed Subject to Parliamentary sanction on all Chinese arriving in Northern Territory, who have left thereafter after March 1st. Please advise British Consuls and Chinese Authorities.

PARSONS, Resident.  
1st March, 1888.

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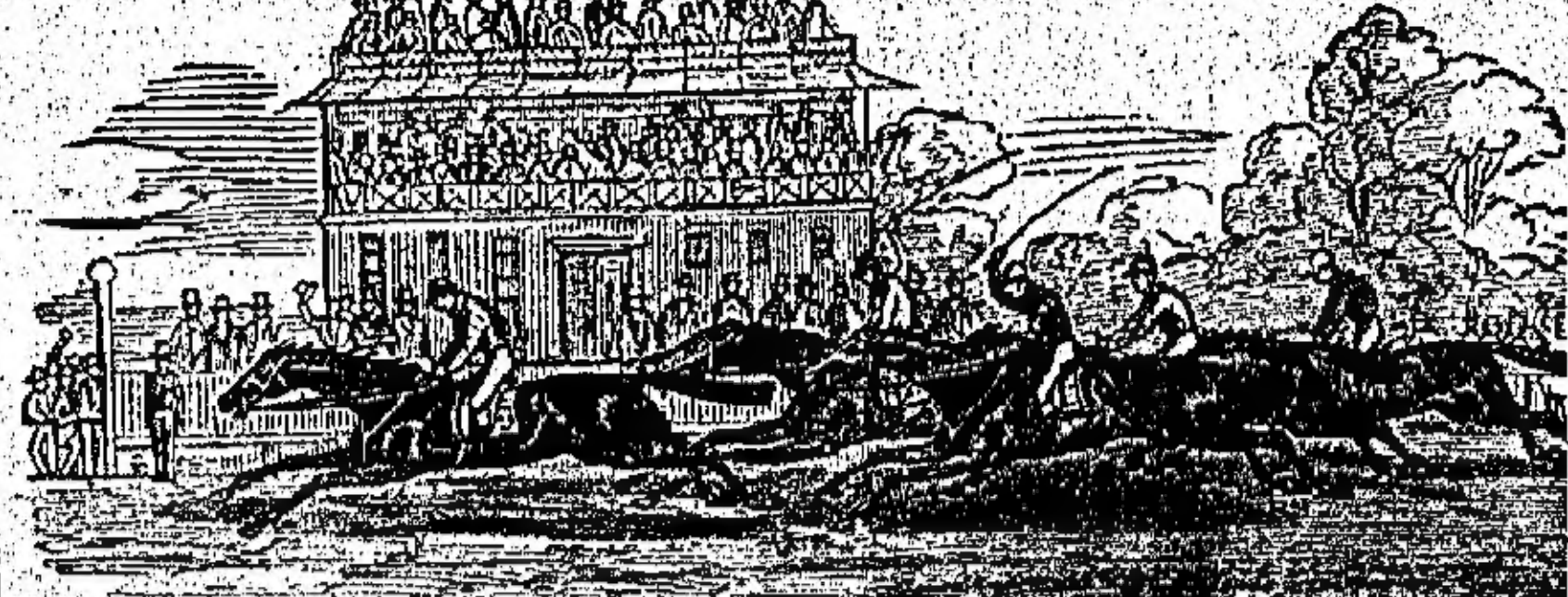
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Hongkong, January 12, 1888.

## Business Notices.

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SADDLERY AND RACING SUNDRIES, of all kinds.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 14, 1888.

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Hongkong, February 21, 1888.

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DE JONG'S COCOA may be obtained from

LANE CRAWFORD & Co., Agents for Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 22, 1888.

### STAG HOTEL.

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Hongkong, April 1, 1887.

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Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.  
Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

### W. POWELL & Co.

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Ladies' Department.

NEW WHITE STRAW HATS. NEW SUMMER BONNETS. NEW FLOWERS and FEATHERS. NEW PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS. NEW BOOTS and SHOES. NEW COLOURED SUED GLOVES.

(TELEPHONE 21). VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 18, 1888.

THE LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Sixth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th February until the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1888.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Tenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICE of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 10th March, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report from the General Agents, with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th February until the 10th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Hongkong, February 15, 1888.

## Intimations.

### WANTED.

FURNISHED HOUSE.—Possession immediately. Address 'A. B.' Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, March 2, 1888.

### LEE TUK CHEONG, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons having CLAIMS or DEMANDS against, or upon the Estate of LEE TUK CHEONG, late of Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant, who died on the 9th May 1887, are required to send to me at My Office, at No. 6, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, afore-said, full particulars of such Claims or Demands on or before the 30th April next, in order that the same may be examined by Lee Sow Kiu, the Administrator of his Estate; and if found correct duty be charged. And all Persons INDEBTED to the said Deceased are requested to pay the amount of their respective Debts to me. Dated this 27th February, 1888.

HO WYSON, Solicitor to the Administrator.

### CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1887.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above OFFICE are requested to furnish the Under-signed with their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1887, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONDS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of MARCH INSTANT, will be adjusted by the OFFICE, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.  
Hongkong, March 1, 1888.

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NOTICE.

### HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE Annual General MEETING of the MEMBERS of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on FRIDAY, the 9th March, at 3.30 p.m., at the Rooms of the Chamber, City Hall, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee, and passing the Secretary's Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

After the Annual Meeting of the Chamber, the Bill now before the Legislative Council relating to the Registration of IMPORTS and EXPORTS of the Colony, will be DISCUSSED, and ALL MEMBERS of the MESSANTIA COMMUNITY interested in this question, are invited to attend, at 4.30 p.m.

By Order,  
H. U. JEFFRIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 29, 1888.

### J. D. RILEY, SAIL-MAKER.

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No. 23, Praya Central, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, November 1, 1887.

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A NEW STORY has just been added to the Servants' Quarters of both houses.

Apply to  
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Hongkong, January 27, 1888.

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Apply to  
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Hongkong, February 29, 1888.

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Apply to  
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Hongkong, October 31, 1887.

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ROOMS in COLLIER CHAMBERS.

GODOWN in ICE HOUSE LANE, occupied by Messrs. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, from the 1st May.

Apply to  
DAVID SASSOON, ROSS & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1888.

## Entertainment.

### A CONCERT.

will be held at ST. ANDREW'S HALL, City Hall, on

Monday, the 6th March, at 9 p.m.

IN AID OF THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE FOR CHINESE.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir WILLIAM DES VOUZ, K.C.M.G., His Excellency Major-General CAMERON, O.D., Commodore MAXWELL, A.D.C., and Commodore HAWES, Commanding the Imperial German Squadron.

### PROGRAMME.

1.—Zampa. The String Band of H. T. G. M. ship *Demeter*, under the leadership of Mr. SYDNOR.

2.—The Lament of Flora MacDonald. Old Scotch Melody. Mr. W. G. GRAIG.

3.—PART SONG. a. Bankett Lied. b. Volga in W. The Old Club of H.T.G.M. ship *Sophie*.

4.—The Requiem. Miss E. C. BAYNE. Chopin. Spindler.

5.—a. Nocturne. b. Wollenspie. Mr. GEO. F. LAMBERT.







A TELEGRAM from Tientsin, dated 9th inst., reports the arrival of Colonel Yates in Tientsin; his party appear to have been exceptionally well received and entertained by the Tientsin authorities.

The Rev. J. M. Schuyler, of Constantine, the inventor of Volapuk, is said to be acquainted with fifty-five languages, of which he speaks and writes twenty-eight. It was, we are told, after five years' study of these tongues that he formed the idea of constructing a language "by means of which" as he put it, "the civilized inhabitants of the world could make themselves understood in speaking as well as in writing."

Referring to the death of Captain T. L. Davies, of the *Strait*, the *Times* says: "The deceased arrived here on the 14th inst., after calling at Penang, on a voyage from Calcutta to Hongkong. He had been ailing all along after leaving Calcutta with serious symptoms of a bad fever. When he arrived here he was feeling much worse with pulse at 160. Dr. Macgillivray saw him and ordered him to be sent to Hospital. He was brought there on the morning of the 14th. The same morning, after his clothes were changed to light Hospital dress, he was carried in a chair to the portion of the Hospital set apart for small-pox cases, after Dr. Housley temporarily in charge of the General Hospital during Dr. Simon's absence on leave, had seen him. For the remaining portion of the story of his death, we quote from a letter of Dr. Bowman received at noon to-day by Mr. Davies, of Davies & Co. Ship Chandlers, one of the oldest firms in Hongkong, informing that Davies died this morning. The Dr. states that when he first saw him 'I found his symptoms slight.' That 'before he was removed, in the way above-mentioned, to the small-pox hospital, 'When I visited him yesterday, I found, contrary to all reasonable expectation, that his case had assumed the type of malignant small-pox, a very uncommon and deadly form of the disease.' This case, I think, almost unprecedented in its suddenness.' The italics are the Dr.'s own. Continuing, he says, 'There can be no doubt, that from the first, no treatment could have saved him.' We leave the letter without comment.

# THE SPORTS OF THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE REGIMENT.

Under the patronage of

H. E. Major-General W. G. Cameron, C.B.

Committee: Major W. P. Ellis, Major M. Churchill, Major R. J. Chaytor, Captain J. Collinson, Lieut. C. S. Frickard, Lieut. M. D. Graham.

Sub-Committee: Sergt.-Major Hill, Sergeant Reynolds, Col.-Sout. Crowley, Sergeant Brown, Staff-Sergeant Mills.

The sports took place under fairly good weather, although a shower fell when the programme was about finished, which made things disagreeable for a short time. There was a large turnout of spectators including a considerable number of ladies. Among the spectators were H. E. Sir William Des Vaux, H.E. General Cameron, Col. Anderson, Major Tripp, of the Hongkong Volunteers, and the officers of the 88th Regiment. The band of the Regiment under Mr. Moran performed during the afternoon. A number of the Lily minstrels in their nigger costumes afforded amusement to a crowd of admirers.

The sports were gone into with great spirit and although there was no undue delay in carrying out the programme darkness came on before it could be quite finished. The following are the details of the events:—

1.—PUTTING THE SHOT, 16 lbs.—No follow. Four entered for this event, two prizes being offered. Busby had quite an easy win, his best throw being the very creditable one of 34½ feet. Loveday coming second with 26½ feet.

Private James (G Coy.) 1; 33.  
Private Loveday (G Coy.) 2; 31.  
2.—HIGH JUMP.—The high jumping was fairly good and the event was well-contested. There were five competitors, among whom Busby was an easy first. Although his best jump was 4 feet 6 inches, it was evident that he could have cleared a better height had it been necessary for him to try. Private Potter, however, stopped at 4 feet 6 inches.

Private Busby (G Coy.) 1; 33.  
Private Potter (G Coy.) 2; 31.  
3.—LONG JUMP.—This was an exceedingly closely-contested event, there being a large number of entries. Private James had an easy victory with his fine jump of 17 feet 1 inch, Busby coming second with a jump of 15 feet 10 inches.

Private James (G Coy.) 1; 33.  
Busby (G Coy.) 2; 31.  
4.—BOYS' RACE.—120 yards Handicap. Only three entered for this race, which was run in 14 seconds and four-fifths. Watson and Webb, who together was scratch giving the other two four yards start.

Watson 1; 35 divided.  
Webb 2; 31.  
5.—100 YARDS RACE.—In this race there was a keen contest, but Private Potter made a good first, being between two and three yards in front at the finish. About the same distance separated the second and the third.

Private Potter (G Coy.) 1; 35.  
Private James (G Coy.) 2; 32.  
6.—N. C. O.'S RACE.—120 yards. This race was run in just two seconds less time than the race over the same distance for boys, the time being 1½ sec.

Sgt. O'Sullivan (E Coy.) 1; 35.  
Corpl. Foster (E Coy.) 2; 33.  
Corpl. Jones (E Coy.) 2; 32.  
7.—COMPANY TWO-OF-WAR, FINAL.—This was a trial of strength between teams of ten men representing A and G Companies. G Company had undoubtedly the advantage in weight and pulled their opponents over somewhat easily twice in succession. The prize was \$20.

8.—ONE MILE RACE.—A dozen started in this race but some dropped out before the finish. For the last quarter of the course, Drummer Haynes was a long way ahead of all the others. His time was 6 min. 3½ sec. Private Seaman had a good lead on Hancock.

Drummer Haynes (G Coy.) 1; 38.  
Private Seaman (A Coy.) 2; 41.  
Private Hancock (E Coy.) 3; 42.  
9.—OLD SOLDIERS' RACE.—120 yards; 1 yard start for every year over 12 years. Only three old soldiers entered for this race, which was run in 1½ sec.

Sergeant Sullivan 1; 35.  
Colour Sergeant Kendrick 2; 33.  
Sgt. Mr. Cook Sexton 3; 42.  
10.—THROWING THE CRICKET BALL.—There was considerable variety in the

throwing of the cricket ball, the variety being rather increased by one of the balls going outside the rails and alighting on the head of a fifth who, thanks to his pugger, was not hurt. Pte. Tomkins' best throw was 101 yards 1 foot, Moore's being 98 yards 2 feet.

Pte. Tomkins (G Coy.) 1; 33.  
Pte. Moore (A Coy.) 2; 31.  
12.—QUARTER-MILE RACE.—Challenge Cup presented by the Hon. G. P. Glatier. This was an easy race for Panter who could have done it in less time than he took—50½ seconds. This was not proved in any way and made the finish rather slow.

Private Panter (A Coy.) 1; 35.  
Lee, Cpl. Nagels (B Coy.) 2; 33.  
Private Haynes (D Coy.) 3; 32.  
13.—BLUE JACKETS' RACE.—120 yards. The blue jackets made a very good race. Five entered and all ran pretty close together till near the finish when Canon, Frimpton and Smith came away in front. The time was 15 sec.

Canon Frimpton 1; 35.  
Frimpton, Victor Emanuel 2; 33.  
Smith, Victor Emanuel 3; 32.  
14.—220 YARDS HANDICAP.—Open to Officers of Army and Navy, Hongkong Club, and V. R. C. Prize, a Cup. This race did not induce a large number of entries but the contest was a spirited one. Lieut. Higginbotham had a tough run to come in first—Time 25 seconds.

Lieut. Higginbotham 1.  
Mr. Denison 2.  
Mr. E. Shepherd 3.  
15.—HALF-MILE RACE.—Open to Army, Navy, and Police. Only three entered for this race and Gunda Singh was easily coming in a good many yards in front of the second man, who had about the same advantage over the third.

Gunda Singh (Gun) 1; 35.  
Lascars 2; 33.  
Gurram Singh (Gun) 3; 32.  
16.—TILTING AT THE BUCKET.—This was a highly amusing contest and most of the competitors got a shower bath from the upturned bucket, a few however succeeding in scoring. The most successful competitors were Tomkins and Brown, Pinfold and Briscoe, and Latchford and Fletcher.

17.—SKIRMISHING RACE.—1,000 yards, open to Garrison. Prizes presented by H. E. The Major-General Commanding. The competitors in this race had to proceed in skirmishing order lying down at the end of every hundred yards and firing one round. This race under these conditions was very easily won by a very trying one. It was done however in excellent time, the first man touching the target in 4 min. 25 seconds from the start, while the others were close behind.

Private Haynes (D Company) 1.  
Panter (A Coy.) 2.  
Anderson (B Coy.) 3.  
Turkian (C Coy.) 4.  
Oliver (E Coy.) 5.  
Dickens (A Coy.) 6.  
18.—WHEELBARROW RACE.—Private Busby & Young 1; 33.  
Hyde & Latchford 2; 31.  
Tomkins & Hyde 3.  
19.—STEPPLE CHASE.—About one mile. This was quite as trying a competition as the skirmishing race some of the obstacles to be cleared being pretty formidable. Seaman had a very good first, coming in in 3 min. 34 seconds.

Pte. Seaman 1; 38.  
Pte. Panter 2; 34.  
Pte. Briscoe 3; 33.  
Pte. Chapell 4; 32.  
Pte. Hancock 5; 31.  
20.—HURDLE RACE.—120 yards, 10 flights, open to Army, Navy, and Police.

First Heat—Private Mills (H. Coy.) 1; Private Busby, (G. Coy.) 2; Private Walsh, (B. Coy.) 3.  
Second Heat—Private Hyde (G. Coy.) 1; Private Walsh, (B. Coy.) 2; Private Seaman (A. Coy.) 3.  
Third Heat—Private Seaman, 1; Private Hyde, 2; Private Nagels, 3.

21.—OPEN TWO-OF-WAR.—For Army, Navy, and Police. This the last event of the afternoon was unfortunately left undecided. Five teams of ten each entered the lists, Police, Royal Artillery, 8th Regiment, Royal Marines, and Sikhs. The first pull took place between the Police and Royal Artillery, the Police winning easily, and after the teams had all pulled the struggle for the first place lay between the Police and the Regiment, the defenders of the peace having pulled over the latter team once already. The Police again pulled the opponents towards the mark, but it was not till they showed the victory and let go the rope before the mark was actually passed. The decision of the dispute was left to another day.

22.—'FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.—That the action and utterances of the Governor in the matter of the Finance Committee have been received by the public with very great satisfaction. That there need be no doubt but that the discussion of money votes with open doors should be hailed with satisfaction, even if the matters discussed are sometimes not of more importance than whether a yellow man or a black man should be a doorkeeper at the Government Hospital.

That it is to be hoped, when matters of more weight are before the Committee, the Secret Chamber system will never again be resorted to.

That it is to be regretted that the P. M. G. should do injustice to himself and his friends by cultivating a tone of childish petulance, in or out of Council.

That the caecities which have lately assumed not only an epidemic but also a somewhat virulent form, extending even to those who 'go down to the sea in ships.'

That I am afraid the gallant Skipper who has the pluck to write over his own signature will find philanthropy a thankless task, even when it takes the form of 'doing unto others' etc.

That of course I don't know how much he may add mentally to the original quotation under the 'editor's'.

That there is no harm in the servant of a Company advancing it money, provided he doesn't ask as cheaply as it can be procured in the open market.

That all the same, were I a shareholder, I should rather see him investing his money in the particular Company's shares, simply pour encouragement into the

prevailing complaint, pretty fairly diagnosed the state of things when he suggested that, in spite of much frothy correspondence, shareholders' meetings would pass over with their accustomed placidity.

That 'muckle cryin' and nae 'oo' (wool)—a saying which you gentlemen from North the Tweed accorded to Old Nick when he attempted shearing the pig—might well apply to the action of a good many Hongkong shareholders.

That at least shareholders of the Bank have done well to recognise that they are well served.

That, barring the ever-present taint that no man is infallible, I should like to know who could be got to replace men like Jackson, Cameron, or Maclean.

That the local Bank should be well run this year with the assistance of two Kings of Finance at the head of the Board of Directors.

That the Race Meeting would appear to have shown that the interests of true sport were not unmixd with other interests of a grosser and more personal nature.

That even at Home it is very difficult to keep the racing stable in a thoroughly sanitary condition.

That the strict rules of the turf may be apparently observed to the letter when their spirit are entirely disregarded.

That, taking one thing with another, Hongkong may well be proud of the leading sporting men who have done most for racing in this Colony.

That the Ball of the Jockey Club was remarkably successful, considering the lateness of the season, the round of gaieties that have already been gone through, and the solemn fact that it occurred in Lent (with a big L), although even this last consideration did not prevent some of the sterner Church-folks from attending.

That it would be a step in the right direction if subordinate officers of the Government here could be made to understand that they are the servants of the public and as such are not entitled to put on frills when dealing with the public.

That we are about to lose an old and trusty public servant in Captain Thomsett, and I am sure the sturdy old mariner will carry away with him the heartiest good wishes of this community, more especially of those who with him have seen the Colony in its earlier days struggling in very troubled waters.

That the Medical Commission are to be congratulated upon having begun to come to a conclusion before other people thought they had fairly started into the investigation.

That in Hongkong a great many things get begun, and the trouble is to get them finished.

That I rather think Mr. Danby carries with him the common sense of the community when he says that the public sewers must first be properly completed before the house-drains are laid out.

That if I mistake not I have read that same truth in your leading columns until it began to get a little monotonous, as truth is sometimes, especially to those who do not care to acknowledge it.

That the Surveyor General may possibly regard this as truth, although he has put the proposition in a different way.

That the public have every sympathy with Mr. Price in his troubles with the big Dam, and sincerely hope that he will succeed in plugging the obnoxious spring, and let us have the limpid waters murmuring on this side of the Tytan Valley in time for next dry season.

That although I hesitate to tender advice to men of business, I fancy the local Dook Company would be well advised to publish a tariff of their charges and stick to it—reducing only when others reduce, and Nagasaki may otherwise steal a march upon them.

That the Water Police should prevent steamers from polluting the waters of our Harbour by 'dumping' tons of soot and ashes overboard.

That any one with a good glass can see this midwintery going on from the upper levels, and I shall begin to give the names of the steamers if the irregularity continues.

That it is plain enough to me that one of the reasons why young men do not get married here is, that girls do not fit themselves to be helpmates, but with their heads full of Hongkong Society nonsense dream of living on the taipan scale and no other;—thus are they destined to flounder on alone, and while they were materialists to recognise this fact and put on the break, else there will be a very big blank in the Register Book and a bad outlook for the tiny wee lassies now growing up in our midst.

That I am afraid the Latter-day novelist would find it hard work to elaborate a heroine of the orthodox stamp in Hongkong—we don't raise them in this Colony, they only pass through.

That I anticipate having an inward chuckle during the week, when some aggrieved angel in diamonds and moire (unconscious of who is at her elbow) inveighs against the above naughty remarks; but unfortunately they are true for all that.

That, on reading the report of the inquest upon the bodies of two coolies killed by a landslide, it struck me as strange that no expert from the Public Works department was called.

That it may be an erroneous impression, but I fancied that Government work should be supervised, even when done by a contractor.

That I see the Chamber of Commerce called upon every one interested to come forward and speak his mind on the proposed Registration of Imports and Exports.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report of the Directors to be presented at the ordinary meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's Hotel, at half-past 3 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, the 7th March:—

In accordance with Section 53 of the Articles of Association, the Directors have now to submit to your Half-yearly Report for the six months ending 31st December, 1887.

The first four months of the year have been very poor, owing to comparatively few visitors coming to the Hotel.

Since last meeting Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co. of London, who have acted as Agents in various matters connected with the Hotel, engaged two Barmas, and dispatched them to Hongkong, alleging that they were engaged for service in the Hotel. This they did without any authority from the Directors, and as the Barmas were not required, the Directors were obliged to refuse to ratify the engagement. Under legal advice the Company paid the claim of the Barmas and are now seeking to recover from Messrs. Loxley & Co. the damages sustained in consequence of their unauthorized act. The suit is still pending. The execution of London orders are now entrusted to Messrs. Tulloch & Co., 85, Greenwich Street, in place of Messrs. Loxley & Co. as heretofore.

The building of the New Wing of the Hotel is proceeding satisfactorily, and an American 'Lift' has been ordered from London.

Secretary.—The Directors regret that by the death of Mr. Hauschild they lost the valuable services of a gentleman who has been for many years connected with the Company. Mr. Robert Lyall has been appointed to the vacant post.

Profit and Loss.—The accounts for the past half-year, after deducting Interest, Fire Insurance, Taxes, and all charges, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, show a net profit of \$15,821.08, which has to be added a sum of \$273.94 carried over from last account, making available \$16,095.02, which the Directors, with the concurrence of the shareholders, propose to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 4 per cent. for the 6 months \$12,000.00  
To write off Cost of the Company's steam launch 500.00  
To carry forward to new account 2,000.92

\$14,500.92  
Directors.—Messrs W. Kerfoot Hughes and A. dos Remedios retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.

Auditors.—Messrs J. H. Cox and A. E. Vacher offer themselves for re-election. D. McCULLUM, Chairman.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st DECEMBER, 1887.

Hotel Property on Marine Lot No. 5, and on the Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 3, \$818,300.33  
Furniture Account, 48,694.12  
Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 7, 221,611.05  
Cash, 791.00  
Shares in Public Companies, 5,068.69  
Sundry Debtors, 14,441.80  
Stock of Wines and Provisions, 20,298.54  
Licenses attaching to 1888, 400.00  
Steam Launch, 4,900.00  
Sundry account (amount disbursed in compensation and Legal Expenses in connection with the two Barmas), 4,627.25

\$639,911.79  
Paid-up Capital on 3,000 Shares, \$300,000.00  
Mortgage Account, 300,000.00  
Sundry Creditors, 9,281.54  
Arbitration Account, as per award in the case of Messrs. Danby & Leigh, dated 1st June, 1885, 14,972.83  
Unpaid Dividend, 146.50  
Profit brought forward from last account, 678.54  
Profit for the half-year to 31st December, 1887, 13,821.08

\$14,500.92  
\$639,911.79  
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, FOR THE 6 MONTHS TO 31st DECEMBER, 1887.

To Taxes, 208.24  
To Fire Insurance, 885.55  
To Directors and Auditors, 1,180.10  
To Charges, 62.69  
To Salaries, 1,621.67  
To Balance, 13,821.93

\$20,276.41  
By Net Earnings of Hotel, \$20,110.46  
By Bonus and Dividends from local Offices, 166.96

\$20,276.41  
R. LYALL, Secretary.  
Audited and found correct, JAMES H. COX, A. E. VACHER, Auditors.  
Hongkong, 29th February, 1888.

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the Report for presentation to the shareholders of this Company at the sixth ordinary annual meeting to be held at the offices of the General Agents, at 12.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 10th March:—

The General Agents have now to submit their report on the working of the Company and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1887.

The results of the year's operations, although still far from satisfactory, make a considerable improvement on those shown in the last report, and there is now substantial ground for hoping that, owing to the altered conditions of business in the Philippines, the increased margin between the prices of Raw and Refined Sugars may enable the Company in the near future to resume its place among the dividend-paying undertakings.

In the month of October last, the Company held a larger quantity of Refined Sugar than the General Agents deemed prudent, and they therefore stopped the works to permit of the stocks being reduced. From that time, with the exception of about a fortnight in December, Sugar Refining

was suspended until the 1st instant, but it has now been resumed and it is hoped that it will be continuous and profitable.

The Cuba Sugar manufactured by the Company having proved scarcely suitable for the Spanish market, for which it was chiefly intended, the General Agents, with the approval of the Consulting Committee, have arranged to procure from England a new machine, which they are assured will produce the kind of cane much in demand in Spain. The cost will add considerably to the Company's liabilities, but this will be a slight disadvantage if the object in view in providing the additional machinery be realized. It is hoped the machine will be in working order in about a month.

Consulting Committee.—Owing to the death of Mr. E. Murray and the retirement of Mr. F. D. Sassoon, on leaving the Colony, Mr. Gillies is the only remaining member of the Consulting Committee. Mr. Gillies offers himself for re-election, and the General Agents will be glad if the Shareholders will nominate two others of their number to fill the vacancies. If, however, they are unprepared to do so and will leave the matter in the hands of the General Agents the best arrangements will be made that circumstances permit.

Balance Sheet.—In the absence of Messrs. Arnold and Bevis the accounts have been audited by Mr. F. Henderson.

Mr. Arnold will return to the Colony shortly and is recommended for re-election as Auditor.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1888.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.—31st Dec., 1887.

Property Account, \$ 742,308.66  
Steam Launch, 5,232.30  
New Boiler, 3,500.40  
Raw Sugar, 173,223.84  
Raw Sugar, 14,463.75  
Coal, Charcoal, Stores, 36,319.29  
Fire Insurance, etc., 510.67  
Sundry Debtors, 23,522.84  
Profit and Loss Account, Balance Dr. A/c, \$29,303.18  
Less Balance Cr. A/c, 1,254.65

\$742,308.66  
\$1,026,950.38  
Liabilities.  
Capital Account, \$ 700,000.00  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Advance Account, 50,000.00  
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Current Account, 159,265.36  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 115,637.68  
Sundry Creditors, 2,647.37

\$700,000.00  
\$1,026,950.38  
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, 1887.

To Interest, 10,410.81  
Less Interest on General Agents' account, 8,795.33  
To Remuneration to Consulting Committee, 1,000.00  
To General Agents and Marine Commissions, 3,845.07  
Less General Agents' portion, 4,226.03

\$1,026,950.38  
To Auditors' Fee, 125.00  
To Balance, 1,584.65

\$ 15,501.02  
By Gain in Working, \$ 15,501.02

\$ 15,501.02  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

I have examined the Books and Vouchers of the Company, and the Returns received from the Marine Agents, and certify that the above Statements are in accordance therewith.

F. HENDERSON, Auditor.  
Hongkong, 29th February, 1888.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report of this Company for presentation to the Shareholders at the first Ordinary Annual Meeting, to be held at the offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on Thursday, the 8th day of March, 1888, at 12 o'clock, Noon:—

The Directors have the pleasure to submit to the shareholders their first Report, with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1887.

The total receipts for the 12 months are \$154,973.28, and the net Profit, after paying expenses and all charges, amounting to \$70,428.84 from which have to be deducted:—

Dividend, \$5,000.00  
Auditors' Fee, 500  
leaving available for appropriation \$70,428.84

Out of this sum the Directors propose to pay a Dividend of \$4 per share, which will amount to \$36,000.00 to be paid on 1st March, 1888, to be written off 2½ per cent. from the amount of the Dividend, leaving \$34,000.00 to be carried forward to next year.

Upon it becoming known to the Directors that the Government proposed to reclaim the foreshore in front of the Salgirs' Home for the construction of a new market they at once applied for permission to make a corresponding reclamation in front of the adjoining Marine Lots at West Point; after some negotiation this was obtained, and the Directors, availing themselves of a demand for property in that quarter, contracted for a sale of the land and godowns at present in their occupation, but exclusive of the Wharf and reclamation, for the sum of \$50,000, as will be observed in the statement of accounts. The reclamation will be carried on under the supervision of Government, and a contract has been entered into for the completion of the work for the sum of \$116,000.

At Kowloon the building of the extensive godown has only just been completed. The two original Wharves have been further lengthened, so as to accommodate the steamers which now come alongside, and the third Wharf is expected to be ready for use very soon.

The Directors have much pleasure in intimating that they have concluded an Agreement with the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company for the use of the wharves and godowns by their mail steamers and extra-Bombay boats, for a period of 10 years at tariff rates. As part of the conditions of this agreement the Company purchased the properties belonging to the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company at Kowloon and West Point. In view of the expenses which would be entailed by a separate establishment it was not considered advisable to work the last named property. Since this purchase was made land in the neigh-

bourhood of West Point has, under the influence of the proposed Reclamation Scheme, increased in value, and negotiations are now pending for the sale of this property upon advantageous terms.

Directors.—In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs F. Dodwell and W. H. Forbes retire in rotation, but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Directors appointed Messrs G. S. Coxon and T. I. Rose auditors of the Company. In the absence of the former, Mr. E. J. Coxon has, with Mr. Rose, audited the accounts now presented. Messrs G. S. Coxon and T. I. Rose are recommended for re-election.

J. BELL-INVINE, Chairman.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1888.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.—31st December, 1887.

To Value of Kowloon Property, as per Article of Association, \$875,000.00  
Sub-Section II, \$50,000.00  
Sub-Section III, \$50,000.00  
Sub-Section IV, \$4,000.00  
Sub-Section V, \$19,000.00

\$958,000.00  
Amount expended on Extension of Godown and Relieving Street, required for third Wharf and new Godowns, 96,739.36  
Amount expended on building of third Wharf and on Extension of two original Wharves, 44,745.10  
Stamp Duty, Legal Expenses and fees for transfer of properties, 4,874.87

\$1,104,169.38  
Kowloon P. & O. Property.—Amount paid P. & O. Company for Kowloon Marine Lot No. 21A, 86,250.00  
Legal Expenses and fees for transfer of properties, 383.10

\$86,633.10  
West Point Property.—Value of West Point Property as per Article of Association, \$800,000.00  
Less amount received for sale of Godowns, \$125,000.00  
Mortgage, \$75,000.00

\$600,000.00  
Stamp Duty, Legal



## THE HUMOROUS FLY—A FABLE.

'Oh, mother,' said a little fly,  
'Pray, is not that a fish?'  
To play a little joke on him  
Is what I greatly wish.

'Along the surface of the pool  
With noisy buzz I'll skim,  
And when he rises off I'll fly,  
And get the laugh on him.'

(The mother fly.)  
The child's mother only tried,  
Her sorrow to forget,  
And at that funny little joke  
That fish is smiling yet.

MORAL.—Don't be too funny.—Life.

## CUPID'S DECADENCE.

In ancient days, when all was young,  
And love and hope were rife,  
Dun Cupid on his rustic fare,  
And lived a country life.

He rose betimes at break of day,  
And round the country harried;  
Upstirring hearts that were unwooed,  
And soothing down the married.

But then, on woe's mischievous bent,  
He hid him to the city;  
And finding much to suit his taste,  
He stayed there—more the pity.

Men built him there a golden house,  
Bright with the light of hope and rife,  
They feasted him on golden grain,  
And wine in golden jars.

They draped his pretty nakedness  
In richest cloth of gold,  
And set him up in bow and arrow,  
Where love was bought and sold.

And thus he led a city life,  
Forgetting his nativity;  
Since then he's gone from bad to worse,  
From Cupid to cupidly.

—Academy. ELLIOT STOCK.

## A LAY OF LONDON.

Gay were the streets of London and gay the  
passing throng  
As on the crowded pavement a young girl  
tripped along,  
A maiden from the country with cheeks  
of sunburnt brown  
And singing, 'Oh, 'tis bonnie, I love the  
busy town.'

She came from perfumed meadows, where  
sweetest flowers grew,  
Where the air is pure and soothing and the  
sky is always blue;  
From woodlands where the music of the  
crystal wakes the spheres,  
And God sends down his sunshine to kiss  
away all tears.

She came to cruel London to see its thorn-  
and night—  
Ah! no, for moths that flutter to those  
alluring lights  
She left her grey-haired parents with many  
a tear and frown,  
But singing, 'Oh, 'tis bonnie, I love the  
busy town.'

The months roll on. A woman I see among  
the throng;  
The night and through the darkness she  
slightly creeps along  
My God, that form familiar, that altered  
face I know!  
'Tis she who left the country a few short  
months ago.

Where is the lightsome footstep, the charm  
of girlhood,  
And the eyes that then shone brightly like  
twin stars out of phoe?  
Where are the lips once ruddy, the cheeks  
of sunburnt brown?  
And that voice that sang 'Tis bonnie, I  
love the busy town'?

Oh, cruel, busy London, oh, vortex of  
despair,  
O, city of dread shadows, God help the  
helpless there;  
God help them in their thousands, despoiled  
and trampled down,  
Who once sang 'Oh, 'tis bonnie, I love  
the busy town.'—Arkanau Traveler.

## JUVENILE PRECOCITY.

A lady asked one of the children in her  
Sunday-school class, 'What was the sin of  
the Pharisees?' 'Eating and drinking,'  
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## BILL NYE'S OPERETTA.

I have just returned from a private re-  
hearsal of a new operetta, of which I am  
the author, and hasten to write a fair,  
honest criticism of it for the press. In this  
criticism I shall try to be perfectly frank,  
to mention defects, and yet I shall try  
to avoid hurting the author's feelings. I  
want to score the operetta with a merciless  
hand, and yet I do not wish to give myself  
needless pain.

The operetta itself is called 'The Singed  
Cat,' because it is really too much better  
than it seems to be. The music was com-  
posed partly by myself and partly by a  
count who plays on the ferry-boats in sum-  
mer, and has his whistlers to himself. He  
does not wish to have his name used, be-  
cause, as he says, he is afraid that 'foreign  
powers will get on to it, and make him come  
back to attend to the count business again.'

It says it is very disagreeable to be a count  
and live on a long, slim pedigree and what  
the neighbors bring in from time to time.  
The orchestra opens the performance with  
a selection from the 'Flying Dutchman.'

Difficult as it may appear, the orchestra  
makes a good selection from the 'Flying Dutchman.'

It takes some little time for an orchestra  
to get ready, however. The man who bites  
off the first joint of the clarinet breathes a  
liquid note, the first violin sounds 'A,' and  
the gentleman with the bassoon looks up in-  
tensely, as if he were to play.

The superintendent of the orchestra is a  
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terrible fact. The secretions from the kid-  
neys would be scanty and high-colored,  
with a kind of gritty or sandy deposit after  
standing.

These things had troubled Mr. Richard a  
long time, and after his fall in the street  
he clearly perceived that the fit of giddi-  
ness was nothing more than a sign of the  
steady and deadly advance of the complaint,  
which began in indigestion and dyspepsia.  
His story of how he went from one physi-  
cian to another in search of a cure that his  
wife and his children might not come to want  
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He became too ill to keep his situation and  
had to give it up. This was a sad calamity.  
He was appalled to think how he should be  
able to live. But God raised up friends  
who helped to keep the wolf from the door.  
He then went to the seaside at Walton-on-  
the-Naze, but without the change, nor the  
physicians who treated him there, did any  
good. All being without avail he visited  
London, with a sort of vague hope that  
some advantage might happen to him in  
the metropolis. This was in October, 1885.

How wonderful, indeed, are the ways of  
Providence, which dashes down our highest  
hopes and then helps us when we least ex-  
pect it.

While in London he stated his condition  
to a friend, who strongly advised him to  
try a medicine which he called *Mother*  
*Seigel's Curative Syrup*, saying it was  
the best kept secret, and often cured when  
everything else had failed. He bought a  
bottle of the medicine in Piccadilly, and  
used it according to the directions. He  
did this without faith or hope, and the  
public may, therefore, judge of his surprise  
and pleasure when after taking a few doses  
he felt great relief. He could eat better;  
his food was no longer bitter; his bowels  
were no longer troubled; and the symptoms  
which had floated before his eyes like minute  
of soot, gradually disappeared, and his  
strength increased. Before this time his  
knees would knock together whenever he  
tried to walk. So encouraged was he now  
that he kept on taking *Mother Seigel's*  
*Curative Syrup* until it ended in completely  
curing him.

In speaking of his wonderful recovery Mr.  
Richard says it made him think of poor  
Robinson Crusoe, and his deliverance from  
captivity on his island in the sea; and  
added that for *Mother Seigel's* *Curative*  
*Syrup* the grass would not be growing over  
his grave.

Our readers can rest assured of the strict  
truth of all the statements in this most re-  
markable case, as Mr. Richard (now residing  
at Swiss Cottage, Walton-on-the-Naze) has  
been one of the oldest and most respect-  
able of the beautiful village of Long  
Mere, and his personal character is  
well known by so high an authority as  
Mr. Martyn, rector of that parish,  
and other excellent names. We have  
no space to do justice to the case of this  
poor man who came to us.

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RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

## Mails.

NOTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
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STEAM FOR  
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ALSO  
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,  
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ON WEDNESDAY, the 7th March,  
1888, at Noon, the Company's S.S.  
SAGHAIEN, Commandant FIASCHI,  
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
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Shipping Orders will be granted until  
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Cargo will be received on board until 4  
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be sent on board; they must be left at  
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The Steamer has splendid Accommodation  
and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.  
For further Particulars, apply to  
MELCHERS & Co.,  
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THE Steamship GAZEL will be  
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Connection being made at Yokohama,  
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All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
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First-class Fares granted as follows:—  
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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-  
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Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo  
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